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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Re: CG Docket # 02-311- Biennial Review 2002

As a deaf individual, I oppose any revisions or repeals of the rules listed below.

I find it appalling that the FCC would even consider revision or repeal of these rules.

Those rules are critical to maintain accessibility for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing,

therefore, I ask the FCC to please not consider making any revisions or repeals to the rules (listed below).

Part 1 - Practice and Procedure - Establishes general practice requirements.
(Subpart E - Informal Complaints.)

Part 6 - Access to Telecommunications Service, Telecommunications Equipment and Customer Premises Equipment by

Persons with Disabilities - Outlines the obligations of manufacturers and service providers concerning accessibility to telecommunications service and equipment.

Part 7 - Access to Voicemail and Interactive Menu Services and Equipment by People with Disabilities - Outlines the obligations of providers of voicemail and interactive menu services as well as manufacturers of telecommunications

equipment which performs a voicemail or interactive menu function.

Part 64 - Miscellaneous Rules Relating to Common Carriers - Addresses a broad range of common carrier issues.

Specifically: Subpart B (Indecent Telephone Message Services); Subpart F (Telecommunications Relay Services);

Subpart G (Telephone Operator Services - sections 64.703-705, 64.707-710);

Subpart K (Changing Long Distance Service);

Subpart L (Restrictions on Telephone Solicitation); Subpart O (Interstate Pay-Per-Call and Other Information Services);

Subpart P (Calling Party Telephone Number; Privacy); Subpart Y (Truth-in-Billing Requirements for Common Carriers).

Part 68 - Connection of Terminal Equipment to the Telephone Network -

Establishes conditions for direct connection to

the network of registered terminal equipment to prevent network harm and ensure that telephones are compatible with

hearing aids. (CGB is only seeking comment concerning the rules in this part relating to hearing aid compatibility and,

in addition, on section 68.318(c) (Line seizure by automatic telephone dialing systems) and section 68.318(d) (Telephone

facsimile machines; Identification of the sender of the message)).

Again, the FCC should leave the disability related telecommunications/technology regulations alone. They are very much needed to protect consumer rights and opportunity to access telecommunications.